CHAPTER 412.

An act to establish graded schools in the town of Washington, North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. The commissioners for the town of Washington are hereby authorized to submit to the qualified voters of said town on first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, whether an annual tax shall be levied therein for the support of graded schools in said town; that such qualified voters at such election are authorized to vote on written or printed ballots the words "for school" and "against school." The said election shall be conducted under the same rules and regulations, and the penalties for illegal and fraudulent voting shall be the same as in annual elections of said town. *Election upon question of special tax for graded schools.* *Ballots.* *Election, how held.*

SEC. 2. In case a majority of the qualified voters at such election shall vote "for school" and be in favor of such tax, the same shall be levied and collected by the town authorities under same rules and regulations by which other town taxes are levied; and the tax collector shall be subject to the same liabilities for the collection and payment of said tax as he is or may be for other town taxes: *Provided*, that the special taxes so levied and collected shall not exceed thirty cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation and ninety cents on the poll, and that the taxes thus levied and collected shall be applied exclusively to the support of graded public schools, and shall not be appropriated or expended for any other purpose; said tax, when collected, shall be paid to the town treasurer, and shall be disbursed by him upon the order of the board of trustees of the respective graded schools to which, under this act, the said money would belong as hereinafter provided, and the official bond of said treasurer shall be liable for said graded school funds, and in default of pay- *Tax to be levied on majority vote.* *How collected.* *Proviso.* *Town treasurer to disburse.* *Liability of bond.*